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PART VII.

"The American constitution is the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."—*Gladstone.*

"It is the first successful attempt in the history of the world to lay the deep and broad foundation of a government for millions of people and an unlimited territory in a single written instrument, framed and adopted in one great national effort; but no amount of wisdom in a constitution can produce wise government unless there is a suitable response in the spirit of the people."—*Chief J. Miller.*

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ONE IN ALL, AND ALL IN ONE.

The undersigned citizens, of a Republic built for the general Weal if controlled by the Good, or the general Woe if controlled by the Evil, and through Faith, hopefully so of another Government, which also calls upon us to uphold the First, and reject the Last, considering that as freemen now, sovereign in our proper spheres, we have individually certain inalienable rights reserved within our parties, or sects, though perhaps a minority; and intending as such freemen, while still faithful to our sound principles and their pure exponents, to follow each one his own conscience always: subject, however, in actions to enacted law, and to have that conscience dominated intelligently, as nearly as we can by our Heavenly Father, the Divine Spirit in every thing, especially our votes about all public problems like prohibition, the currency, free trade, suffrage, taxation, transportation the just wages of labor or capital, etc., etc., hereby unite to form a Workmen's League, and talk over the same, which shall be conducted under such officers and by-laws or rules, as we may elect—not for debate or display, but as Truth seekers, led by that Spirit, to advance His influence in all administrations of each commonwealth within the United States, and to enthrone Morality above Mammon in politics, with the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord; for God means Light, and God means Love; and God means Liberty for Man, and thus is here, ready to accept a Dominion, from generation to generation, when we are to be true subjects.

2 Many philosophers have framed ideal republics, castles of heaven for earth, such as human genius, with the light of history then shining, might dimly conceive; but here is a living organism formed, partly from those ideals, though chiefly from Bible teachings, which, after a century of severe trial, proves the presence of God-in-man, i.e., His humanity and our divinity, where Mind kisses Matter for all eternity. Still another bloody revolution, or a sublime reformation confronts our country. Because where Satan now sits, with a wand of Gold corrupt as Hell to rally all the hosts of Night, the Divine Spirit of Liberty demands a ballot-box purged of his presence; and beyond that, where his brazen importunity to vice, with its boundless opportunities, has debauched every high official station, which freedom has allowed or man could have no merit, there too, Liberty demands a loftier flight of patriotism, phœnix-like, above corruptible clouds also, up snowy peaks even to where the White King sits, on His Throne of Pure Thought, with a dual sceptre to sway our masses in state as well as church organisms. But no man, or party, or sect alone can effect such a reform. It must be wrought by our voting people, if worthy sons of Deity,

who must henceforth wear His name, both in their hearts and foreheads, so as to be clearly read by every public servant at least. For where the masses rule, and wield the rod of power supreme for life or death, like clouds raining a mixed river of pearly dews or poisened hail, the current of official virtue or of vice, cannot flow higher or sink lower than its source. Still any one may help the people moor our ship of state out of its slime into pure water, if by chance he finds a crystal thread for guide.

3 Heaven is wherever pure society exists. It is no spot, but a state locatable in every world and in every bosom where Truth reigns. As to us it is a mere matter of training, in an atmosphere of clean mentality, under tuition of God's other Self, the Holy Ghost, ever brooding over man, and now in many Sons and Daughters of all nations, who compose the growing Bride. Hence, after twelve or more members of a club, in any township or ward, to be called the Bee Hive No——, County of ———, State of ———, shall have enrolled, a meeting will be held to elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer from its number, but no one shall vote or speak in its proceedings without first enrolling as a member. If money is collected or used to advance honorably our cause, the Treasurer whose books must be open to view by all members, after giving and taking receipts for the same, shall make a full report at every meeting of each, expenditure, and what for and to whom paid. The public shall be welcome at all meetings; as we shall have no secrets here except such as may be found in the Bibles, and constitutions or laws of our country, the first being meant for the Soul of the last to guide us to a reign of good will, charity, temperance, economy and purity in every administration, city, county, state and federal, through the medium of our best type of men offered not by themselves, or their suggestion and desire for self exaltation, self enrichment and self glorification, but as called forth by public wants, the public interests and the public glory; the Fruits of an honest life grown on the Vine of Truth, and not creeds, being what we wish to elect by fair voting to all branches of authority

4 We can do well with one-tenth of our talking talent; but the vacuum must be filled with nine-tenths more of moral worth A man, who cannot tell a business body what he knows in ten minutes, will tell it worse in ten hours. We mean business Our capitols have turned into conclaves to rob the people. We are forced to use the square and trowel to erect new ones, whose height, length and breadth shall be equal. The sky must be shaken, and present stars fall, even as a fig tree casts its figs when swept by a cyclone; giving us a new atmosphere above from thunderings below—among the people—out of the public heart—a new heaven to be built on a new earth. Wherefore any citizen, whether in a visible church or not, of either sex, or any party, may join this League, but no one shall ever be taxed or allowed to pay a cent of its expenses, if any there be, except he or she wills to do so freely Yet we want no temple here, as a warm heart is the brightest throne of Deity—richer far than gold or rubies; and every cottage may be a shrine The earth quakes for Progress as an egg is shaken by its growing chick; but through the wreck of empires and shock of systems, our love of Truth and of the true can bind us to the Soul of Light, as one with every other orb that shall survive to roll in splendor round that Sun Our design is to make such societies a pleasant Lodge for the peaceful camping of all parties, both religious and political, that now are or hereafter may be, and to help each accomplish the good it seeks by sifting out the evil, and by building up educationally, pure thrones of public opinion, out of a divinely regenerated people, with our Mississippi valley for center of power as it is of population, and territory—like the Jordon of an Israel restored.

5 We dare not aspire to eradicate every trace of wrong from all our bodies politic in a day or perhaps a century, still less from ourselves as human

beings, but we do hope collectively, by a union of honest brains, to fetter soon and dethrone forever that beastly Spirit of Self-worship, dominant by the popular will through legislation over our incorporated lives hitherto—a Dragon of gluttonous Plutocracy, with many heads and horns materialized under various forms of crushing Monopolies—and to confine that Spirit in small minorities to a bottomless Pit by the same will of our freemen marshalled under the Holy Spirit of brotherly love, or in other words, Omnipotent Benevolence in human laws active through pure hearts with clear heads and clean hands casting snow-white ballots, to protect the Masses against the conspiracy of Classes, whether in transportation, news, manufactures, finance, commerce or other rings. Under our Governmental forms, to wall up the lake of Hell Fire, so that the weak may live beside the strong now, we must open the flood gates of Heavenly Fire, by filling every political fabric with Spirit Life, Life in good men, i. e., representatively. Claiming the right to live by work when fairly done, as often on farms from sun to sun, we court such a rule of Love, by the people and for the people, in place of self; of national inspiration instead of narrow sectionalism; of larger liberty in party codes in place of ostracism for free thought; temperance in place of intemperance, of legal order and a noble reform among men, but anarchy, or interference with the just rights of private property, real or personal violently or by expost facto acts no where; in short the reign of a truly united America, founded on the divine rock of real Freedom for every voter, instead our besotted Babylon, with slavery to Capital for its cornerstone, or indeed any other form of serfdom. The Saloon imposes such a serfdom on its victims, but until conflicting views can be well digested, through calm discussions inspired by the love of Justice, into needful laws, we recommend abstinence as a good one for each member of our society; because after all a man's heart is the best statute book, the fountain and end of Law, in any state which the Soul of our Father dominates; though aided by Reason, Faith can speedily chain the Opposition on this or other fields of battle, if uniting we organize for political work under One Head here, like branches of a single Vine, scions of the same Blood, or Bees of the same Hive

6 And the same principle of Moral obedience to the Divine Spirit only, suggests that war chiefs be retired from civil idolatry in every Republic, as representing bloody feuds they cause alarms to Labor as well as Capital, which if rightly used subject to just laws are like the two hands of one body, equally essential to brilliant progress Our new era of real brotherhood between men and nations, to prevent further conflicts, summons the heroes of Peace to power —genius born in other fields than butchery or a forensic battle between sections, the fields of productive industry, that pour out bread, in place of blood for the millions—stars clad in white robes, with no speck of human gore, peace-makers instead of peace-breakers. We oppose any union of church and state by a statutory or constitutional law as Blasphemy—the barbarous rule of a sword over conscience and matter over mind—a hell of despotism, because every creed like every man should have equal scope for growth; but we favor their wedding in the Holy Spirit of righteous judgments at all elections, on the part of a wise people in every free state, repeated forever in thundertones by the choice of God-like characters to each seat of secular power, both small and great, as the goal of history and the perfection of civil government by human beings. The Kingdom above must be one of love, not force, based on the equal rights of citizens and their free support of it; and ours may be like that if we will—A shadow of the Jerusalem to come. In fact the Spirit of our Father in human forms being God, may be able to guide us to all Truth, of science or art essential on this earth to save nations, as well as souls, individual atoms, or unions composed of them forming federated States—if we will

only labor with Him to that end, faithfully; for which Jesus, the Christ, died, yet lives as our first born brother and ever faithful child of Deity, lifting man with Him to His Sky. If this be so, the age of Inspiration is not ended. We have thus far lived in a twilight only,—often dim of that Morning Star —though shaded by our doubts. For practical uses to society, Its Sun must rise again with such burning glory on our globe as to consume the Snake in man, and his wrongs public or private, like Lightning when it fires the noxious vapor of black clouds from east to west, and makes of Night's own throne a torch, revealing The Truth to every eye.

7 As however, many have been slaves so long as to be unconscious of their chains to a throne of Darkness, and this free union of our wills under the Divine Spirit, can only work perfectly after the masses shall be well educated if any one, being fearful or unbelieving may wish to withdraw from a Hive, the right to do so will never be questioned, but no one shall ever be expelled permanently, except by a three-fourths vote of all its members, nor from a special meeting for disorderly conduct, except by a two-thirds vote of that meeting. The poorer voters will be given front seats in this synagogue, because needing most instruction, and shall always be treated as true sovereigns equal in worth to the richest of earth's monarchs: for they are divine incarnations, and breathing temples of Eternal Life—our brother freemen—endowed with a legal right to crown the King of kings through true and faithful representatives, by their suffrage at the ballot-box; which is a sacred trust to be used with scrupulous care in every town, county and state, of our great city—the Federal Union if ever purified by free, fair and full consent of its dominant majorities. Moreover as blind servility to edicts of organized power, in relms of thought religious and political, has been the bane of past generations: and its opposite, the independence of an enlightened Individualism must be the iris of future ages under the empire of one Divine mind, no binding nominations for office are to be made by any Hive or associated branches, tho' recommends or endorsements or calls may be, and members will be encouraged to work for good material in other strictly partisan organizations, acording to preference, if permitted without fetters, so that in any event the best man shall rule by aid of our millstone which may "grind slowly but will grind exceeding fine." Mark well, that to control even active partisans morally, the proceedings of co-actors, and candidates too, must be moral; from the duty to review which critically, no body or thing can absolve a voter, especially, if on the bench of last appeal—either as a question of right or expediency. Of right, because no one can delegate or transfer his conscience to another. It is not assignable. It is an inalienable, irrepressible, attribute of souls; the property of God, and His tabernacle in Man: the Holy of Holies. Of expediency, because, if nominations, even by overwhelming majority parties, cease everywhere to mean a sure election, our country will be well ruled, peaceful, prosperous and happy; as Snakes will not dare aspire to office, when a Son-Dial can barely stand such judgments of Fire —from our "Wine press" of Almighty Wrath, the Public Gonscience. This is a pivotal issue, the turning point for life or death in republics. It is exactly the essential difference, the gulf, between Hell's government and that of Heaven where "Dogs and Liars" are not only kept out of power, but ,,without the gates" of good society; while to "stand up" for our true brothers at all times, against the Serpant's spawn and hypocrites, is a Divine Satute, of paramount force, obligatory on every citizen of the upper sphere, living or dead, in our clay forms of after their resurrection, here and hereafter. Allegiance to God, patriotism, the good of all parties and ourselves, alike requires this much of manly Independence—this free exercise of a clear conscience—as the balm of perpetual youth to men and nations, individually and collectively, under the "Iron Rod" of Right, or

Milky Way, whereby with flight of time, and pure schooling, corruption and pain must quit our globe—at least in every child of His Spirit, that sweet Mother, the white Dove now here in myriad hearts, whose soft Wings starward woos the race, still pleading for Jerusalem, Jerusalem, "Oh! Jerusalem," though false and fallen.

8 Yet as a rule, except only in cases of well-known honesty, we will never vote for millionaires or any poor ape of their greed, notably such as fatten in office, not by salaries, but a betrayal of public trusts for the benefit of classes; because whosoever covets more than a competence, save as trustee for charitable uses, is a slave to Self, through Pelf, and hence unfit to represent true freemen, or without a change of linen, to sup at table with the humblest citizen who may have our Father's Spirit for a guest. How much more unworthy then are such to sit on the judgement seats of a government built by Pure Reason from the Word of God, as a home of Liberty—a jaspar cube hewn square out of Truth's Mountain to banish Night, and sink all tyrant crowns of unholy Might, reared from Seas of Ignorance, —like a crystal city of the sky ablaze with Heaven's Fire, and brighter than burnished gold in noonday sun; though dimmed for years by "dogs" inside of every capitol, faithful to the Dragon only. Indeed to pass over the House of Congress, and each state, county and town organism, whose number is legion, a Federal Senate, meant for council nearest Heaven, though lately next to Hell as the richest set of self-made lords on earth with its millions of plunder in possession, and billions by proxy, is Alone enough to stir the very bones of our dead martyrs, slain for civil or religious freedom, and lift their spirits from the grave, by waking the living to a new birth of unconquerable devotion. Be it known that most "fortunes" are not earned in any way. They are simply stolen, usually from a body politic by some creature — a Serpent, with a soul, if any, framed in Hell. For Hell also is no spot, but a state of Servitude locatable wherever the Snakish Self dominates; or Error i. e. the want of Light, holds a mind in carnal chains. And, as Heaven with its Prince of Light is here partially now; so is Hell with its Prince of Darkness, at dual war in us for a 2d Life or 2d Death — our perpetual weal or woe, collectively not less than personally. Because all creations are ideal—a product of Mind—and Soul only is real, our Eternal Essence never dying, though clad in changeable forms or transitory types, fitting the Antitype of another Sphere, whither we gravitate at will. Moreover as our Woe, i. e. Death and Hell here in a middle state, began with the Dragon-in-man, or Matter, Mammon and the Belly deified voluntarily; so the God-in-man, our Spirit nature, or Mind alone can end them, when we shall have sense enough to obey the Inward Monitor, who, although the same Person, is in one phase our Father, in another our Mother, and still another the Christ, An Offspring of Both, according to the vesture worn. And this further implies that as every individual must, like our Model, be chiefly his own savior on earth, i. e. build up or deprave the Inward Being; so mankind, the human race, every nation and every state rising from Depravity must chiefly build its own Throne of final Judgment, clean and white - that great Tribunal founded on a pure enlightened Conscience — before which the past, present and future generations are to pass in review. Wherefore it is not our dusty laborers on a virgin continent, whose posterity is already manacled for ages with corporate debts, but their robbers — the typical Dragon — who should be despised and forever hurled to a Pit of wrath, burning hot at each successive election, while Liberty shall live in America. Yet "he that is unjust, let him be unjust still, and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still;" and we ask none such to sign this Constitution, but those who Love an honest Workman, in any walk high or low, and long for a resurrection of the poor in both mental spirits and physical comforts, are urged to organize a Bee Hive for pure honey, which can be found in every garden of

Truth, both religious and political, if wisely knowing Good from Evil, we elect the sweet, but shun a bitter bud. And when thought proper by a majority of this Hive a session may be held on any Sunday from 8 to 10 a. m., or from 3 to 5 p. m., to dust the Jasper House of our Sires, with a broom of Patriotism, holier than the bigot's zeal as giving daily bread to all the Masses, by sweeping out the greed of Classes, so that our rich will be brothers of the poor—do as they would be done by—like true children of one Father.

9 A thousand years between Spiritpowers in man at war, is as one day: and under a type of relapsing Faith, necessarily incident to the barbarous past, steeped in clouds yet ever yearning for the Sun our world has about rolled through its bullet rule; or seven forms of Beastly Dominion—a 2nd Captivity, wherein infidelity, idolatry, murder, lust, theft, lies and lucre, do still dishonor the the double Law of Sinai, the ten commandments, among "all kindreds and tongues." So now reserved to us is the final onset of a nobler victory for Faith, in Megiddo's Valley, by the peaceful suffrage of Truth's millions. There first in our public heart—the Throne of Peace must rest: thence—in its pure and free voice—must flow the crystal river whose fruit shall feed the nations: and there too is to be found at last that grand Commune of humanity in One, whose golden key will unlock the Scroll of Ages, for all who wish to write their names upon its pages. This does not imply any physical cataclysm, that the planet will be "burnt up" or destroyed by material fire; but man's world in every realm, will be beautified and bettered under God's quickening Spirit, "Who is a consuming Fire" to earthly elements in us: for the scene of His crucifixion is to be the seat of His "honor and power"—the centre of universal Intelligence—and He can have no spite against matter as such, yet does want our appreciative companionship. Here is Evolution and evolution is man's destiny, the inevitable result of real Freedom, the law of growth from a low to the higher Life, sublime though foreordained as the effect of a cause, to-wit, the great First Cause; for our Liberty grows out of The Rock of Faith, in a divine revelation which every eye that wills can see. But although God, a Living Spirit, accepted through Faith, by our intelligence, in flesh and blood and bones, to control human volitions, and make men and women true both to Himself and each other, is the concurrent Enunciation not less of Observation than Revelation, and also a beautiful Reality now at length clear as the Rainbow after a storm, and free for our Inhalation as the air; this Reality is fraught with consequences so immense to the race, in opposition to avaricious despotisms everywhere, that monopolistic minds, predominating in every church, have naturally kept Its candle under a half bushel, for merchandise, while drinking the blood of Christendom, like lords at Belshazzar's banquet. Therefore, in religious as well as political, financial, commercial and social circles, with the Darkness of four thousand years beneath us, and the Light of nineteen centuries shining down upon us, may we not at so late an hour command severe attention to that Hydra-headed-monster—this Devil-fish from the Deep, ever fattening on the death of men and nations—the Spirit of Monopoly? For Me! Me! Me! My Interest. The "Ego"-istic Self: or Satan. Father of our Hell. See now, as we look over the whole range of vision, abroad and here in America even, he quaffs our Life, with a golden cup, in Blasphemous mockery, and as a result, the Philistines are swarming in our city! Need we, who are Freemen, wait longer, idle and distracted by sect and party, for a Giant to help us; or will the people rise like Sampson and cast down that Power, and over its ruins rear The Temple of Love, in a just government of the faithful and true by our best men, to stand forever as the Ancient of Days—a Republic of the Almighty indeed? Let no one pause for a reply, but reflecting that the booty of power is the only issue in controversy between Northern and Southern clans, both now under control

of Wall Street at the East, while here is an everlasting issue of world-wide import, the character of a Kingdom to be chosen by us as free agents, let every man who is a man, act in unison with neighbors on this question—and act at once—decisively for the reign of Love. For You! You! You! The Public Weal. The "Alter"-istic Self; or God, Father of our Heaven. Yet sure, O, Babylon, is thy fall, and thus violently, though "without hand," O, great and mighty city, shalt thou be thrown down and be found no more at all." Burnt by Reason on Fire! The Torch of Truth! Indeed as the seed of Faith consumes its carnal soil to drink eternal Life, as the blind babe springs from its prison home to blink the light, as the acorn grows from mud, and a diamond from charcoal: so, near by, from the dying womb of Hades in Man's heart, already leaps upon her Solar Walk, amid celestial orbs, the New, the Golden Jerusalem, Humanity's most glorious Mansion, a Holy City, adorned with every jewel of the Moral Universe, to brighten hourly, until the Sun shall yield her his royal robe, till the Moon pales at her feet, the Stars of Heaven cluster on her brow, and Darkness is no more—that Peerless Queen, the Bride Divine, and Creature of our reformation, having the good father, holy mother, and true child, or God-head in us, as the essence of Her glory,—a Trinity of Love but Unit of Action.

10 However, as these views, even if hereafter admissible, of a religion united logically with politics—of a state mystically married to a church—of a Lion in subjection to The Lamb—in short of a bridal city, different only from the old Jerusalem, in that it must be built with Spirit aid by mankind for a battle monument of the Divine victory over Evil, in flesh here on our earth as its chief end—meaning simply a government upheld by human wills, pure in every branch, like a diamond of first water, or finest gold without alloy, are views novel to the public, and perhaps partly erroneous, the undersigned do not now commit ourselves to any except the first sentence above. The rest we regard as patriotic ideals, and a plausible plan of public organization for testing their truth worthy of trial by the people, and extension, if found beneficial; which may be easily worked according to taste, in any neighborhood, as it is simple and will cost little or nothing—beyond a cordial, earnest effort for harmonious judgments under One Sovereign, upon our basis of Union stated again, to-wit:

The undersigned citizens, of a Republic built for the general Weal if controlled by the Good, or the general Woe if controlled by the Evil, and through Faith, hopefully so of another Government, which also calls upon us to uphold the First, and reject the Last, considering that as freemen now, sovereign in our proper spheres, we have individually certain inalienable rights reserved within our parties, or sects, though perhaps a minority; and intending as such freemen, while still faithful to our sound principles and their pure exponents, to follow each one his own conscience always; subject, however, in actions to enacted law, and to have that conscience dominated intelligently, as nearly as we can by our Heavenly Father, the Divine Spirit in every thing, especially our votes about all public problems like prohibition, the currency, free trade, suffrage, taxation, transportation the just wages of labor or capital, etc., etc., hereby unite to form a Workmen's League, and talk over the same, which shall be conducted under such officers and by-laws or rules, as we may elect—not for debate or display, but as Truth seekers, led by that Spirit, to advance His influence in all administrations of each commonwealth within the United States, and to enthrone Morality above Mammon in politics, with the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord; for God means Light, and God means Love; and God means Liberty for Man, and thus is here, ready to accept a Dominion, from generation to generation, when we are to be true subjects.

Witness our hands, heads and hearts hereto set at ———, this———day of ———, 188—.

RULES FOR EXERCISES AND ORDER. SEC. I.

1. When the presiding officer takes the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence.
2. Prayer by the acting President.
3. Roll-call of officers and members by a Scribe.
4. The filling of vacancies in orderly rotation by Seniorities present.
5. The refilling of Junior posts thus emptied by nominations from the floor.
6. The minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings by the acting Secretary—Correspondence, etc.
7. Report of Board of Almoners.
8. Report of Wage-workers.
9. Report of Musicians and Music.
10. Booking of new members.
11. Miscellaneous and unfinished matters.
12. Opening of the Hive by the Chair for discussion.

But this routine may be varied or dispensed with at pleasure by a majority vote.

SEC. II.—1. The President shall state every subject before the Hive for discussion and call first upon the Counselors appointed to open its discussion, who shall conduct the same, without malice or buffoonery, by canons of Logic—the Rod of Truth from statistics and facts.

2. "The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decisions of the Hive on all subjects; he may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; he shall decide questions of order without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, subject to an appeal to the Hive by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by permission of the Hive.

3. In case of an appeal, the question shall be: 'Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Hive?'

4. All appeals from the judgment or decision of the Chair shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Chair.

5. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desires it.

6. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Secretary, who shall arise and read it aloud before debate thereon.

7. After a motion is made and stated by the presiding officer, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Hive, but may be withdrawn at any time before the decision or amendment.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have the precedence in the order they stand arranged.

9. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except while a member is speaking, while the Chair is stating a question, or while a vote is being taken. A motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, and a previous question, shall be determined without debate. But the Hive shall never adjourn or be closed except in regular form.

10. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

11. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move the reconsideration thereof, at the same or next meeting of the Hive.

12. No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order, or ask him a question for information, nor stand up to interrupt him, nor

when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair, or leave the Hive.

13. Every member, when speaking shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personality or intolerant language, as well as any reflection upon the Hive or its members.

14. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

15. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject or question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the Hive.

16. No motion can be made by one member while another is speaking.

17. The Chair, or any member doubting the decision of the question, may call for a division of the Hive, and a count of the affirmative and negative votes.

18. All reports of committees shall be made in writing, except committees to receive visiting brothers.

19. No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time; that is, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment, and the question shall be first taken on the latter.

20. All points of order not herein provided for shall be decided in the discretion of the Hive according to the usages and customs of parliamentary law."

Witness also our hands and seals hereto set at ———this———day of——188—

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